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The Charter Question

The Quebec Legislature was recently asked to consider a bill to revise the Charter of the Université de Montréal. The Montreal Star for Friday, June 30, 1967 included an editorial about the revised charter, with respect to the position of Loyola College. Here are some of the things it had to say:

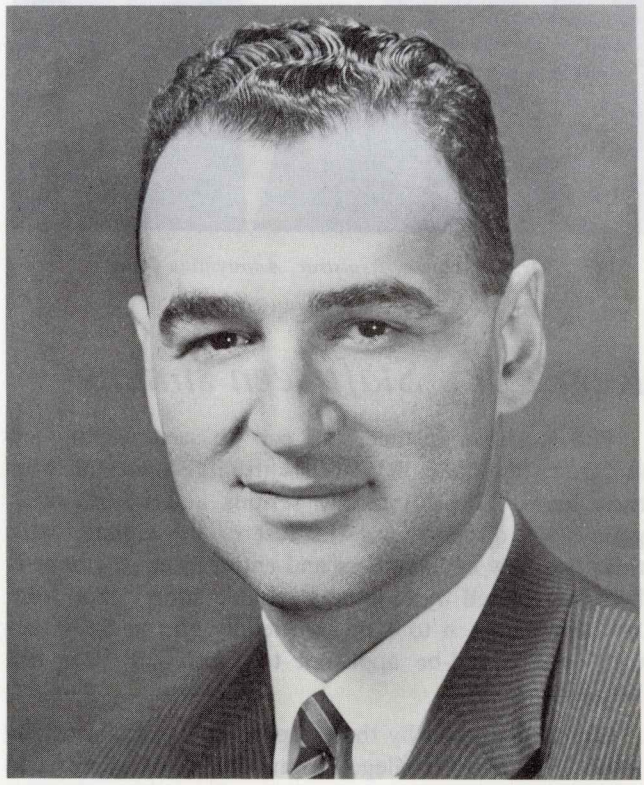
"LOYOLA'S AUTONOMY"

"In modifying its demand for a university charter, Loyola College has paved the way for a reasonable — albeit transitional — settlement of its long quest for independence. For it is autonomy, more than the nomenclature "university", to which Loyola gives priority. Put another way, what it actually seeks is legal recognition of its present status. The need to more clearly define its position has been given impetus by the proposed new charter for the University of Montreal, which, until now, has granted Loyola's degrees.

Loyola has no immediate plans to expand into new fields or into graduate studies. It is preoccupied with the development of its undergraduate work, desiring for the present to add only a full degree program in engineering to its established and recognized degree program in arts, science and commerce. It is already in fact, if not in law, a college in the North American, rather than the Quebec sense of the term . . .

. . . At present Loyola's operating grants are based on the same formula as that of Quebec's classical colleges. It has, however, received a large amount of capital construction assistance from Quebec and undertook its current public campaign for funds with the undertaking that government assistance for new facilities would be continued.

In view of these new conditions, Loyola's request for autonomous status as a degree-granting college deserves sympathetic consideration and positive action by the Quebec government."

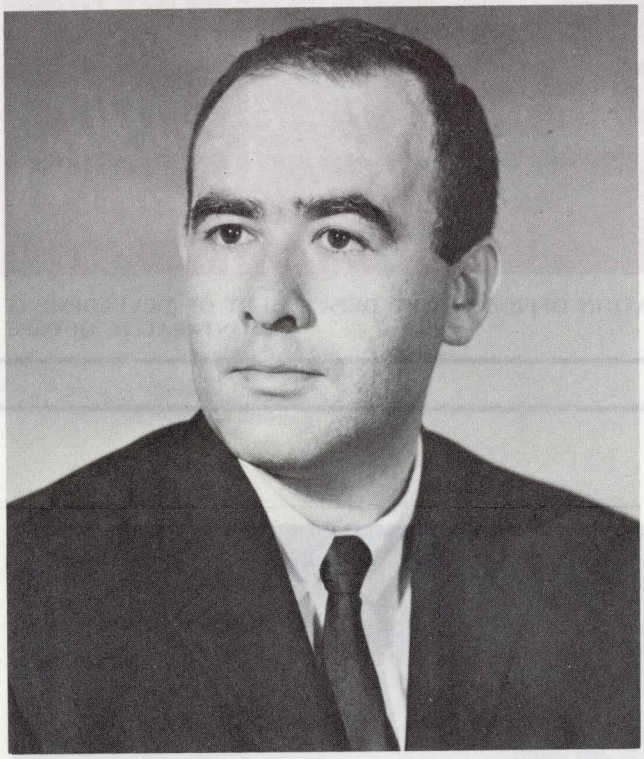


Professor Lawrence Bessner, *Associate Dean of Commerce, Loyola of Montreal*

New Associate Dean of Commerce

The Reverend Cyril B. O'Keefe, S.J., Dean of Studies, Loyola of Montreal has announced the appointment of Lawrence M. Bessner to the post of Associate Dean of Commerce.

Prof. Bessner, who joined Loyola in 1951, had been the Director of the Commerce faculty. He has been a lecturer in the Accounting department and is a former chairman of that department.



Mr. J. Noonan, *Registrar, Admissions Office*

Registrar's Staff seen smiling

The Registrar's office staff can be seen walking up and down the halls of Loyola with large smiles all over their faces. These normally serious and hardworking people are disconcerting the rest of the College with their overflow of happiness and enthusiasm. A rumor is being circulated by a usually reliable source that John Noonan was seen to exude a friendly grin in the direction of a would-be applicant to Freshman Year last Monday.

Highly disturbed by these reports, the Administrative Authorities of the College commissioned this reporter to investigate and report back to the Committee On Unauthorized Levity immediately.

That honourable committee were greatly relieved when we reported back to them that the Registrar's Office was not suffering from some rare and incurable happy disease but is merely overflowing from joy at the prospect of moving into their new and larger offices along the main corridor of the Central Building.

For the first time in many years, the three main department of the Registrar area, Records, Admissions and General Office will have their own offices. Separate offices will also be set aside for the officers of administration, separate from the main working areas.

The Registrar's office estimates that student enrollment at Loyola will level off at approximately 3,000 students in 1967-68, 300 more than last year.

The Freshman class will stand at 1,050. Of this number 525 will enrol in the Arts faculty, 300 in Science, 150 in Commerce and 75 in the Engineering Certificate course. Well over 80% of them are local students.

There is a sharp increase in the number of girls being accepted and this should rise to 30% of the Freshman Class. The percentage in previous years hovered around 20%. College officials are pleased at this figure, since it will bring more balance to the student population.

"Most of the girls", said Mark Allen of the Admissions Office, "seem to have their eye on Communication Arts, English, History, and not unnaturally, Biology."

The Admissions Office is under high pressure this year to get off acceptances to the candidates with as much speed as possible. The high-school marks arrived from Quebec very late, and there is less time than usual to process the necessary papers.

W. X. Bryan Building

Construction of a new classroom building has begun at Loyola. The building will house 18 classrooms, biology and psychology research labs and the most advanced Communications Arts department in any Canadian university. It will be open and fully operational by October 15. The General Contractor is Longpré Construction Company.

The Communication Arts department will have their offices and technical facilities in the building, and occupy nearly the whole ground floor. This will include a fully equipped Television Studio and Control Room plus rooms for Projection and Film editing, a Synchronization Room, a Photo Studio, a Make Up Room, Dark Room, a Film Storage Room and Radio and Recording studios. Loyola will be the first university in Canada to have at its disposal complete and professional technical facilities for instruction in the Communication Arts. Classes will be given in all the facets of mass media, while the students gain practical experience in the studios.

The Psychology area, on the second floor was designed to the specifications of the Psychology department. It will include an animal storage room, six Psychology Research labs and teaching areas, and a psychology surgery room. As well, ample office space has been provided.

The biology department will occupy parts of the third floor. They will have a biology storage room, a genetics lab and a general biology lab. This will be in addition to their present facilities located in the Drummond Science Building.

The new building, whose cost has been estimated at approximately $1,000,000 will relieve an acute shortage of classrooms at Loyola. As the college's enrollment expanded in the last five years, administrative expansion has eaten into available teaching areas, while the need for such areas has grown with the student body. The College was thus forced to plan for construction of a new building.

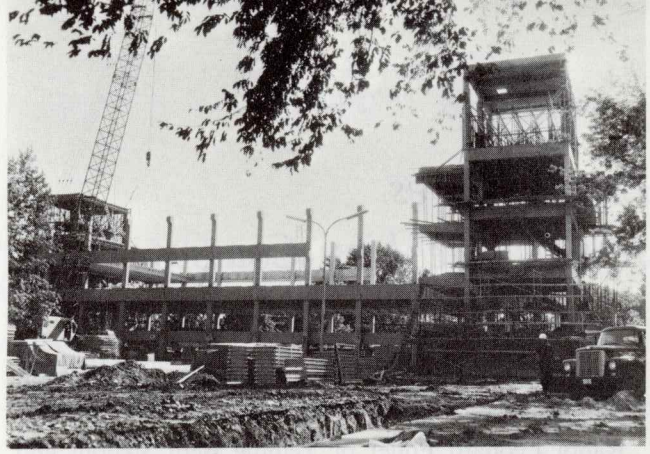
"The critical path for this building is extremely complicated", said a spokesman for the college, "because of the time factor. We have only two months to bring this building from an empty lot to a completed structure. Our fingers are crossed." Plans are underway to work twenty-four hours a day on the structure, which will have to go up in record time.

The Registrar's Office at Loyola seems confident the deadline will be met. They have already assigned classes to the eighteen classrooms, all of which are now only on the drawingboard.

Visual Progress of the W. X. Bryan Building

Sod Turning Ceremony — August 14/67

From left to right: Fr. Joseph McDonald, S.J., The Very Rev. Patrick G. Malone, S.J., Pres., Loyola of Montreal.



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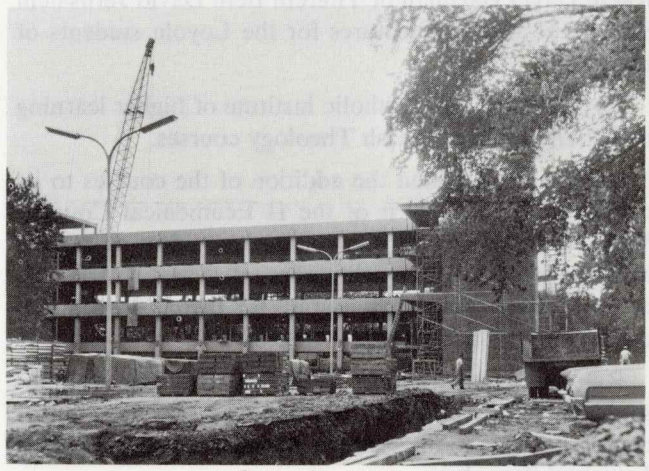

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Major in Business Administration to be offered

Commencing September 1967, a major in Business Administration will be offered by the Commerce Faculty. Professor L. M. Bessner, Associate Dean of Commerce, in making the announcement stated that entry into the field of General Business Education had been in the planning stage for some time. He also stated that Loyola students studying commerce now have the choice of three major programmes: Accounting, Economics or Business Administration.

The new Major in Business is designed to give the student a broad exposure to the diverse aspects of business. Professor Bessner stressed that: "Although we realize that this is an age of specialization, we feel quite strongly that at the undergraduate level, it would be a mistake to give the student business training only and not a liberal education. Consequently, the student will be required to take at least eleven courses in the humanities which comprises 50% of the degree requirements. The remainder of the curriculum will provide what would be considered to be the key subject areas of formal business education. These include finance, marketing, managerial economics, operations analysis, managerial accounting and optional courses such as Fortran programming and investment management.

Loyola Gives Jewish Theology Courses

Loyola has introduced two new courses on Judaism to the academic programme of its Theology Department.

Rabbi Leonard Poller of Temple Beth Shalom and Rabbi David Hartman of Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem Synagogue will give lectures for the Loyola students of all faiths.

Loyola is the first Catholic institute of higher learning in Canada to offer Jewish Theology courses.

Loyola has initiated the addition of the courses to its curriculum in the spirit of the II Ecumenical Council. Very Reverend Patrick G. Malone, president of Loyola feels that with the increasing number of Jewish students at the College "it is very useful" for them, "to see that others have respect for their beliefs."

Rabbi Hartman, who is Orthodox, will take a philosophical approach in his lectures and seminars, introducing Judaism to the students through the ideas of great Jewish philosophers.

Rabbi Poller is Reform and will examine Judaism from a historical angle while showing his students the historic development and significance of the religion.

Two sponsors; the New York Chatauqua Society and the Meir Segals Foundation in Montreal offered their support by establishing lectureships.

The Jewish Chautauqua Society, founded in 1893 is the educational project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods for interfaith understanding. It assigns rabbis to lecture on request at colleges and Christian church camps in United States and Canada.

Meir Segals is a distinguished member of the Jewish Society in Montreal and is a generous supporter of Loyola. He is dedicated to help talented, young students and in the past has assisted many educational institutes in Canada and Israel.

Both Rabbis are looking forward to the challenge of teaching Jewish Theology at Loyola and meeting the students of the College.

Rabbi Leonard Poller

Rabbi David Hartman

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